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REMARKS

The reason for traversal is that claims like claim 6, which clarifies that, in some variations, the first metal layer is deposited in vias, are linking with Group II. Therefore, it is believed that Group II should be examined with Group I.

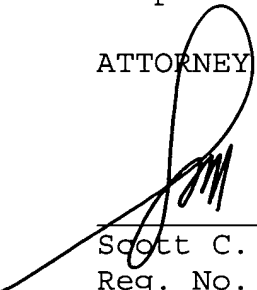
Kindly retain the non-elected claims as withdrawn from consideration. However, should all other claims be allowable, applicant will consent to cancellation of the non-elected claims by examiner's amendment see MPEP 821.02.

No fee is believed to be due at this time. Please apply any charges not covered or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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